



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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Ms. Elizabeth Hadley, Chair  
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group  
City of Redding Electric Utility  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Response to your September 2016 letter

Dear Chairwoman Hadley,

Thank you for the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group's (TAMWG) September 28, 2016 letter to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). The TMC hopes that the renewal of the TAMWG charter will happen in a timely manner, and that the TAMWG can find a suitable representative for fishing guides and their interests. Recreational fishing is an important part of the Trinity County economy and culture, and guides have provided valuable feedback and information to the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP).

The recommendations from your letter are paraphrased below in italics, followed by our response:

1. *The TAMWG recommends that the TMC change its bylaws in the following seven ways:*
  - 1) *Reject the proposal to vote during telephone conference meetings unless the public is allowed to participate and there is public notice on the TRRP website of at least 2 weeks before the teleconference call meetings;*
  - 2) *Change bylaws (Section 605a) to eliminate mail/email voting of TMC members*
  - 3) *Shift the voting process (Section 603) from a supermajority to a simple majority (CDR, p. 26)*
  - 4) *Require TMC member with a specific programmatic or financial interest in the outcome of a decision by that body to recuse themselves (CDR, p. 27) from discussion and voting;*
  - 5) *Enlarge the number of voting members on the TMC to provide for a broader representation of interests (CDR, p 27);*
  - 6) *Add TAMWG chairperson as a voting TMC member; and*
  - 7) *Remove "unanimous" from Section 300.*

The TMC has been working to come to resolution on changes to our bylaws. We value your input on the specific sections of the bylaws and will take your recommendations under consideration when we take up this item at our December meeting. The TRRP has also recently requested proposals from experts to help refine how the TRRP and TMC function. When the expert to lead the refinement process has been identified, we encourage you to share the concerns you have listed in your letter with that individual to help facilitate the review of the TRRP and TMC.

2. *The TAMWG recommends that the TMC place any budget savings additive to the \$500K [in the] watershed budget for FY17.*

At the TMC's September 2016 meeting, we passed a motion on the budget which resulted in a surplus of \$189,042. Unless there are shortfalls in the 2017 budget that were not identified prior to the TMC's September meeting, this surplus will go to watersheds as per the June, 2016 TMC motion on this item directing any additional savings to the watershed program.

3. *The TAMWG recommends that the TMC refer the letters from the public to the TRRP staff.*

At the TMC's September 2016 meeting, we asked Acting Executive Director Mike Dixon to respond to Mr. Wellock's July 11, 2016 letter. On October 4, 2016, he wrote a response to Mr. Wellock's letter. The TMC did not feel that it was appropriate for any TRRP staff, or the TMC to respond to the letter to the editor of the Trinity Journal from William Koch dated August 3, 2016, or any letters to the editors published in newspapers for that matter. Letters to newspaper editorial staff are not addressed directly to the TRRP, and simply provide a forum for the general public to comment on matters of concern. For TRRP staff to respond to these would be time consuming and inappropriate. Instead we hope that a concerted public relations strategy of the TRRP will help educate the public and alleviate some of their concerns with the TRRP's activities.

We enjoyed joining you at the joint TAMWG and TMC meeting for a float down the Trinity River as well, and also thought that the day was productive, and that valuable interpersonal connections were made. We look forward to seeing you and other TAMWG members at our December 14-15 meeting in Weaverville.

Sincerely,



Seth Naman, Chair  
Trinity Management Council